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This Date In History—Aug. 18.

1702—John Earl Russell, prime minister of Great Britain 1846-52, born in London; died 1878.
 1806—Dr. James Beattie, poet, last of the minstrels, died at Aberdeen. Dr. Beattie passed the closing years of his life in London in close intimacy with Dr. Johnson and other literary celebrities. His most famous poem, entitled "The Minstrel," appeared in 1774.
 1807—Charles Francis Adams, American statesman and diplomat, United States minister to England during the civil war, born in Boston; died there 1880.
 1830—Ellen Kean (Trotter), widow of Charles John Kean and a noted actress, died; born 1806.
 1834—Colonel John Arkins, editor of The Rocky Mountain News, died at Denver; born 1842.
 George Parkes, once well known actor, died in the Edwin Forrest home. Burton C. Cook, lawyer and statesman of Illinois, died at Evanston; born 1810.
 1866—Ex-Justice William Strong of the United States supreme court, died at Lake Minnewaska, N. Y.; born 1809.

Whether Hoke Smith has tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Interior or not, he has shown his independence and manhood by coming out squarely for the national Democratic ticket, and that is all that can be expected of him. If others as high in official life were as mindful of their obligations to the party that has made them what they are, they would stand in a much better light before the people of this country of all political parties. Of all offences ingratitude is the most unpardonable, and people everywhere so regard it.

The position of Senator David B. Hill is still in doubt. At one time it is stated that he will support the Democratic ticket, and at another it is announced that he is still sulking in his tent. He had better be up and doing or he will lose his hold on the Democratic party entirely. The man who once gloried in the fact that he was a Democrat ought to be willing to admit that "there are others," even when the great majority of the party holds to ideas that do not coincide with his. There was a time when the New York Senator was looked up to as a leader, and it was not so long ago, but if he persists in his present course he will find that his following will be small indeed.

The Northern and Eastern papers in their efforts to belittle Mr. Bryan's Madison Square speech are not treating him fairly. They must, in their own minds, admit that it was a noble and argumentative, and it is not helping their cause at all to discredit it. Fortunately the speech was widely published and as widely read. This will give the American people a chance to place their own estimate upon it, no matter how jaundiced may be the criticisms of his opponents. Mr. Bryan says that he read his speech so that there would be no chance for him to be misquoted or misunderstood, and in that he showed his good sense, for in view of what has since happened there is no knowing how much his remarks would have been distorted had he spoken without manuscript.

THE DEMONETIZATION OF SILVER.

We publish elsewhere in The Times an article from ex-Comptroller J. Frank Turner in defense of silver, taken from the Chicago Morning Herald, which is recommended to the careful perusal of all interested in the financial question. He devotes considerable space to the question as to "how and why silver was demonetized," because as this is a campaign of education it is very important that this should be the first matter elucidated.

Simple as this question seems it is easy to see, by the authorities he quotes, that it is not easily answered. Most of those who took part in that shady transaction are either very much overreached or willfully blind, for notwithstanding the study and discussion of the matter with the aid of such search lights as history affords, very much is still involved in doubt and obscurity. Nobody, as Mr. Turner says, seems willing to father the act which destroyed one-half of the standard money of the country. Nearly everyone has purged himself before the people of any participation in the act.

Judge Kelley, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the coinage committee of the House when the act was passed, said the committee who reported the original bill was faithful and able. It contained provisions for both the standard silver dollar and the trade dollar, and he never heard until a long time after its enactment into law of the substituting in the Senate of the section which dropped the standard silver dollar. He said he knew nothing

of its history, but was prepared to say that in all the legislation of this country there was "no mystery equal to the demonetization of the standard silver dollar of the United States."

Judge Holman, of Indiana, in the House, July 13, 1876, pronounced the passage of the act as a "colossal swindle," and said, "as the measure does not possess the sanction of the House it did not possess the moral force of a law."

Mr. Bright, of Tennessee, speaking of the act of 1873, said: "It passed by fraud in the House, never having been printed in advance, being a substitute for the printed bill, and never having been read at the clerk's desk, the reading being dispensed with by an impression that the bill made no alteration of the coinage laws. It passed without discussion, debate being cut off by operation of the previous question, and under such circumstances that the fraud escaped the attention of some of the most watchful as well as the ablest statesmen in Washington at the time."

Senator Allison, on February 15, 1878, said the House of Representatives intended to coin both gold and silver and intended to place both metals on the French relation instead of our own, but the bill was afterwards doctored.

Judge Thurman said that in the Senate they thought it was simply a bill to reform the mint. Even President Grant, who signed the bill, did not know the effect of the act, for he wrote a letter eight months after the bill became a law, in which he said that "silver will become the standard of value and will be hoarded."

At the time of the passage of the act silver was worth 3 per cent. more than gold, and while silver has fallen in price since then, nearly all commodities have fallen in price with it.

Such, according to Mr. Turner's statement, is the testimony of the leading men of the country in regard to this nefarious measure; and if any one can read the article and not be convinced that there is something dark and mysterious connected with the passage of the act of 1873 demonetizing silver, they must have great faith in the honesty of mankind in general and lawmakers in particular.

THE REWARDS OF POLITICS.

President Cleveland's latest extension of the civil service has reduced the offices at the disposal of the chief executive to about 2,000, outside of the postoffice department, a very small number, indeed, when it is remembered that only a short while ago the President had at his disposal about 80,000 offices. President Harrison just before the expiration of his term made a sweeping extension of the civil service, and President Cleveland, apparently determined not to be outdone by his predecessor in a measure which he was the first to advocate, has continued the work until now the Presidential office is shorn of a great portion of its patronage, and thereby much of its power. While this extension of the civil service may be very well in theory, it is yet to be seen how it will work in practice. The old Jacksonian principle that "to the victors belong the spoils," certainly does not seem to be borne out in this case. On the contrary, the political worker has little to expect in the way of rewards from national politics, but must now confine his efforts to State and local fields. With no chances at consulships, no hopes of places in the Treasury Department, and but little to expect in any respect from the "powers that be," the average politician will be less inclined to labor for the success of a Presidential ticket, and may thus be compelled to seek surer avenues of employment than by the chances afforded in the uncertainty of politics, and after all be better off permanently; but with no returns for his efforts he will not be inclined to spend money in banners and fireworks and lose time in processions to elect a man President who could not if he would reward him for his activity and enthusiasm. As the whole matter of civil service reform is an experiment which may be dispensed with by a party entirely in control of the government, the present arrangement cannot as yet be declared a permanent one, however many its commendable features may be.

THE LEE IVY AT YALE.

The ivy from the grave of General Lee, which was planted on the Yale campus about two months ago, has disappeared. When Rev. Joseph Twitchell, of Hartford, said at the dedication of the Woolsey statue, that "it would make this statue avert its head if a class of Yale should plant an ivy from the grave of Robert E. Lee—a good man representing an infamous cause"—the fate of that interesting plant was sealed. In the spirit of Rev. Twitchell's address those who hated the "infamous cause," although it has been dead for thirty years, scattered the poor little ivy to the winds, and Yale now rests in peace. There may have been a great deal of fervent patriotism in Dr. Twitchell's suggestions, and those who plucked the plant from the sacred soil of Yale may have acted from the highest and most chivalrous motives. But if that sort of spirit existed in the South it would not be possible to erect a monument to the Union dead in any Southern State. Near Petersburg, Va., there is a statue to those members of a Maine regiment who fell in battle. It has never been molested, and when it was placed in "the heart of the enemy's country" a camp of Confederate veterans voluntarily gave a pledge that it should be protected. Nobody has ever suggested that it was a memorial of a cause against

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which every Southern man was arrayed and the triumph of which brought sorrow into nearly every Southern household. They are more liberal in the South to-day than at Yale, and if a memorial of General Grant was planted in Richmond no resident of that city would be so narrow-minded or venomous as to lay violent hands upon it. Yale needs a little practical reconstruction of the same kind.—Baltimore Sun.

HOKE SMITH TO DEMOCRATS.

He Advises Them to Stand Stanchly by the Ticket.

Augusta, Ga., August 17.—Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, replying to an invitation to attend a Bryan-Sewall ratification meeting at Augusta, after expressing regret that he cannot be present, says:

"To opinions which I then expressed on the financial question I still adhere; but I also had occasion then to say that when the national Democratic convention had named candidates for President and Vice-President, no matter what might be the action of the convention upon the financial question, a Democrat should support the nominees. This position I then believed to be correct, and I am prepared to sustain it with equal sincerity now."

"The Democratic party does not confine its platform to a single issue, nor will its power to serve the people cease with the solution of that issue. It stands for just taxation; for the suppression of monopolies and trusts; for government according to the terms of the constitution; for the rights of the plain people of the land. With us in Georgia it also stands for honesty and capacity in the management of our State and county affairs; for the defense of property, home and person."

"The Democrat who fails to vote for the national Democratic ticket strikes a blow at Democratic State organizations. I urge each Democrat to vote for Bryan and Sewall, even though he may in no wise have participated in the selection of delegates to the Chicago convention. I can scarcely feel that it is necessary to urge support from those Georgians who took part in the selection of delegates. For myself, I consider that my action when delegates were being chosen fully committed me to support the nominees. I regret that I cannot be with you at the ratification meeting, but I shall be in Georgia later on in the campaign and will endeavor to aid as much as possible toward Democratic success."

THE WIFE'S CATECHISM.

Every Husband is Subjected to Annoying Questions.

A good many hundreds, and even thousands, of long suffering husbands, can bear sorrowful testimony to the fact that this is the sort of catechism the wives of their bosoms subject them to every time they put on their hat to go out in the evening:

"Where are you going?"
 "Oh, I'm just going out for a few minutes."
 "Where?"
 "Oh, nowhere in particular."
 "What for?"
 "Oh, nothing."
 "Why do you go, then?"
 "Well, I want to go; that's why."
 "Do you have to go?"
 "I don't know that I do."
 "Why do you go, then?"
 "Because."
 "Because what?"
 "Well, simply because."
 "Going to be gone long?"
 "No."
 "How long?"
 "I don't know."
 "Anybody going with you?"
 "No."
 "Well, it's strange that you can't be content to stay at home for a few minutes. Don't you be gone long, will you?"
 "No."
 "See that you don't."
 This is one reason why so many marriages are a dead, flat fizzle and failure.—Chicago Chronicle.

REFORMED.

First Sheep—Do you gambol?
 Second Sheep—Not now; but in youth I often did; in fact I was raised on the turf, but falling in with some blacklegs they pulled the wool over my eyes and so completely fleeced me that I stopped.

MARVELOUS RESULTS.

From a letter written by Rev. J. G. Underman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succumbing to the La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she would not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results. Trial bottles free at Massie's Pharmacy, 109 Jefferson street, Roanoke. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

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Mr. C. D. Yonker, a well-known druggist of Bowling Green, Ohio, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I take pleasure in recommending it to my customers, for I am certain that it will always please them. I sell more of it than all other kinds put together." For sale by The Chas. Lyle Drug Co.

SALEM NEWS

Miss Viola Forsythe is visiting friends in Franklin county.

Mrs. J. Harry Chapman, of Roanoke Red, is reported very ill.

Harry M. Walker, of Bedford City, is in Salem visiting his parents.

Dr. L. A. Fox returned home Sunday night from the meeting of the synod in Radford.

William McCauley, Jr., returned home Saturday evening after several weeks absence in Floyd county.

Since the July term of the county court thirty-six writings have been put on record at the clerk's office.

The handsome residence of Geo. W. Logan in West Salem is being repaired and nicely fixed up generally.

John M. Onkey has recently had a handsome porch added to the front of his residence on Burwell street.

The Frier building on East Main street is being painted, calomined and papered preparatory for leasing out.

Miss Minnie Lemon, who is spending the summer in Franklin county, was in town Sunday for a short visit to her many friends.

Mrs. J. E. Powers, of East Radford, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Strickler, on Elm street, returned home yesterday.

Rev. A. A. Hundley, a graduate of Roanoke College, and a former Salem boy, preached a very acceptable sermon in the Lutheran Church on last Sunday morning.

Dr. Julius D. Dreher and Dr. F. V. N. Painter both returned home Saturday evening from Radford, where they have been attending the session of the Lutheran synod.

Rev. Paul Sieg, pastor of the Lutheran Church, at Bluefield, is in Salem on a visit to Paul Davis. Mr. Sieg will go from here to Augusta county, where he will spend the remainder of his vacation.

Mrs. L. A. Fox and daughter, Miss Allie, Mrs. Wm. McAuley and Miss Virgie Frantz left Salem yesterday for Bluefield as delegates from the Woman's Missionary Society to attend the convention at Bluefield.

An entertainment will be given at the Roanoke Red on Tuesday night for the benefit of the parsonage. Another similar entertainment will be held at the church near Barnett's store, Catawba, on Thursday night, for the benefit of one of the societies of the church.

In the county court yesterday morning, Col. R. H. Logan read resolutions of a committee touching the death of Col. G. W. Hansbrough. Remarks were made by W. W. Berkeley, W. W. Ballard, J. S. Baer, J. H. Hoge, Jas. P. Hantz, W. W. Moffett, and the resolutions were ordered signed on the minutes of the court.

Yesterday was court day in town and the usual crowd was in attendance. Two auctioneers, the photographer man, his honor the judge and the political agitator all had their crowds and all were of the same heterogeneous hue and character.

During the noon recess of the court, J. Hampton Hoge, the Republican nominee for Congress in this district, made a characteristic speech from a platform in the court yard.

The following business was transacted in court yesterday: Mrs. Mary Webber qualified as administratrix of C. M. Webber, deceased, with Frank O. Webber as surety. W. D. Preston, W. T. Younger, J. B. Frier, D. C. Shanks and L. M. Smead were appointed appraisers, any three of whom may act. On motion of E. W. Hale, the estate of Leonard Doyle, deceased, was committed to the sheriff. Hezekiah Lavender gave bond in penalty of \$2,000 with G. M. Bell as surety (administration of John Coon) and took the oath of office. The last will and testament of Lewis Newman was admitted to probate.

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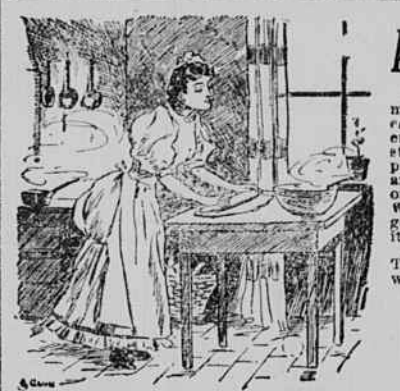
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